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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 15, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A response to this Final Action originally was due December 15, 2008. Enclosed with this Amendment and Reply is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time along with payment of the extension fee. In view of the filing of the Petition and payment of the fee, a reply is now due March 15, 2009. Accordingly, this Reply and RCE are timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: